

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - July 3, 1984 - 9:00 a.m.
Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

M I N U T E S

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON JULY 3, 1984 AT 9:00 A.M. IN ROOM 109 OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WITH MR. ROBERT WILES PRESIDING. THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

Fred G. Alexander, District #1
Prue L. Gilreath, District #2
Robert L. Wiles, Chairman, District #3
Daniel A. Rhodes, District #4
A.M. "Al" Lynch, District #5
Billy D. O'Neal - Administrator
Joseph G. Wright, III, Attorney

Mr. Wiles called the meeting to order and then gave the invocation. Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Mr. O'Neal gave the road maintenance activity report for the period June 16 - June 29, 1984. The county received 268 work orders and completed 219 for this period. He reported that the bridge crew completed work on Brown Road Bridge and a handicap ramp was built at the DSS Building on Benson Street side.

Mr. O'Neal explained that the trussell bridge on the Anderson/Greenville County line would be opened back up by Greenville County until October 1 if it didn't cost anything. During this period they would determine if the use of the bridge was enough to keep it open. Mr. Walters told the Council that the State Highway Department's evaluation/inspection found that the bridge needed painting, "I" beams cracking and recommended no heavy traffic. He said the bridge could be repaired but he had no estimates at this time. Mr. O'Neal recommended that the bridge be opened to light traffic (after receiving a letter from Mr. Sanford that the bridge is safe for light traffic) get an assessment from Road Maintenance as to the price for repair, and then negotiate with Greenville to share expense. Mr. Alexander moved that the Administrator's recommendation be accepted and to do these as soon as possible. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. O'Neal had Mr. Jerry Brown give a brief run-down on the reasons for the Compensation Classification Plan for Anderson County which is scheduled for completion in February of 1985. Mr. Brown is a representative from the Appalachian Council of Governments who are doing the study.

Mr. Watson presented sealed bids for asphalt for the next three months. His recommendation would be to continue to do business with the two lowest bidders - Sloan Construction for \$22.80/ton (if paid within 30 days) and Thrift Brothers for \$23.20 per ton. On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Lynch, Council voted unanimously to go with the two lowest bidders as recommended by Mr. Watson.

Mr. Alexander asked Mr. O'Neal what had developed on the sewer plant in Powdersville. Mr. David Bevell told Council that he spoke with Stephen Neil, Manager of Utilities, for the Town of Easley, he confirmed that the potential siting for the waste plant was the area near Brushy Creek Estates as reported earlier, and the reason for this location was stream degregation. Mr. Alexander asked Mr. Bevell to see that the City of Easley build this in their own town. Mr. Alexander moved that a Resolution stating that County Council goes on record as 1. directing that no building permit be issued until further information is secured, 2. Sewer Authority be given permission to investigate the matter further and report back at the next meeting as to why the location was changed, 3. and Anderson County opposes any type Federal funding for a project in Anderson County. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote on Resolution # 237 was 5-0.

On the motion of Mr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the June 19, 1984 meeting as mailed.

Mr. Wiles told Council that Mr. Crawford, scheduled next on the agenda, was sick and unable to attend. The appointments to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee was deferred until the next scheduled meeting along with Mr. Crawford's presentation.

Mr. Wiles read a letter from Carl Stone, Director of the Anderson County Library, requesting that four vacancies be filled. Miss Ethel Hall wishes to be reappointed, Mrs. Eleanor B. Farmer wishes to be reappointed, Mrs. Laura Ford wishes to be reappointed, Mr. W. Every Hunt deceased and Mr. Henry Spann wishes to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hunt. Mr. Wiles moved that these be appointed. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. James Adams discussed a tax bill for his 44 acres that he believes to be too high. Mr. Wiles asked the administrator to look into the bill and work with Mr. Guffey to get the problem worked out.

Mr. O'Neal asked that Mr. Frank Floyd be recognized to discuss a rabid skunk in Anderson that recently attacked an elderly lady and her dogs. He explained a new tactic by DHEC where a special phone line has been installed at the Animal Shelter for animal complaints.

Mr. Allan Ashley scheduled next on the agenda could not attend. Mr. Wiles told the Council that Mr. Ashley had bought a piece of property in June, 1983, did repairs and moved in. He was charged taxes as commercial property, tried to pay the bill in November but for some reason he couldn't and now there is a penalty. Mr. Wiles asked the Administrator to work with the Assessor to get problem resolved.

Mr. Steve Crump, Executive Director of the Campfire Council of Anderson County, asked Council to resume maintenance of the road to Camp LouAnn. Mr. Lynch moved that the county maintain road with stipulation that the gate be removed. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote was 5-0.

Mr. Charles Gould asked Council to amend the 1984-85 budget and give the \$25,000 appropriated for a Senior Citizens Special Project to the Anderson-Oconee Council on Aging. He feels that this is duplicating an agency already in place and functioning. Mr. Lynch moved that this money be placed under the Council on Aging. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Council debated the issue. Mr. Alexander moved that the debate end. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was three in favor (Alexander, Gilreath, Wiles) and two opposed (Lynch, Rhodes.) Mr. Rhodes amended the motion that the money be divided among all established senior citizens groups through out the county. Mr. Lynch seconded. Vote was two in favor (Rhodes, Lynch) and three opposed (Alexander, Wiles, Gilreath). Motion failed.

Vote on the original motion was two in favor (Lynch, Rhodes) and three opposed (Wiles, Alexander, Gilreath).

Mr. Gilreath read a working agreement between the City of Anderson and the County for the Special Senior Citizens Project which is designed to be a cooperative project between the City of Anderson and the County. It will operate county wide for the benefit for all the seniors of Anderson County. Mr. Gilreath moved that this agreement be approved and then forwarded to the City for their approval. Mr. Alexander seconded. Vote was three (3) in favor (Wiles, Alexander, Gilreath) and two (2) opposed (Lynch, Rhodes).

Mr. Maurice Freeman, representing some residents of Loblolly Pines, read a prepared statement outlining their position in regard to the Loblolly Bond and tax proposal. He then requested that his statements become a part of the minutes of the meeting. SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A". This group is not against sewers for Loblolly Pines subdivision, however they are against the bond issue and tax as proposed. They feel that sewers can be provided at a reasonable cost. Mr. Wiles asked the County Attorney to give a briefing on the legality of the referendum and he did. The group also challenges the legality of the Loblolly Pines Petition. He said 41 names were not written by the person named. Council received Mr. Freeman's remarks as information.

Council heard from Mr. Ray Turner who spoke in favor of the referendum and told Council of a meeting July 10, 1984 at 7 p.m. at Westside High to let the residents know the estimated cost of the project. Council received Mr. Turner's remarks as information.

Mr. Alexander nominated James (Buck) Terry to fill a vacancy on the Planning & Development Board. Mr. Lynch seconded the nomination. Vote was 5-0 to appoint Mr. Terry. Mr. Alexander then nominated Mr. Jerry Sloan, Sr. to fill a vacancy and will represent the City of Pendleton on the Planning & Development Board. Mr. Rhodes seconded. Vote 5-0 in favor of the nomination.

Mr. Gilreath asked to remove "bingo games" from the agenda until he could obtain more information and study further. He will place this item on the agenda at a later date.

Mr. Wright presented third reading of Ordinance #138 (Amendment #1 to Original Ordinance #129-Building Permits). Mr. Rhodes moved that section 7 be deleted from the ordinance calling for a Anderson County Treasurer's Certificate. Mr. Gilreath seconded. Vote was unanimous to approve on third reading Ordinance #138 as amended.

Mr. Wright presented a resolution (#235) and Petition making application to the State Budget and Control Board for approval of the issuance of Industrial Development Revenue Notes for Orian Rugs, Inc. Project not exceeding \$5,000,000 for Council's consideration. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Rhodes, Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Mr. Wright presented Resolution #236 & Assistance Agreement for Orian Rugs for issuance of not exceeding \$5,000,000 Industrial Development Revenue Bonds. On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Alexander, Council voted 5-0 to approve.

Mr. Wright asked for approval of Ordinance #139 on first reading for \$5,000,000 Industrial Revenue Notes for Orian Rugs. On the motion of Mr. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to approve on first reading as presented.

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Council heard from concerned citizens at this time.

On the motion of Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Gilreath, Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Exhibit "A" (2 Pages)